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Preface the Bookseller says he must needs have, and that a very Ingenious one too it must be, because Trading's dead, and for twenty other Reasons - But you know, Gentle Reader, a Man can do no more than he can do, No, not an Athenian himself-else why are so many Grumbling Querists still unanswer'd, and therefore both he and you must take it as it comes, and Michguddichy wi't! - But on second Thoughts, We have so often troubled Mr. Reader both with Books and Prefaces, that meer Modesty won't let us Address this to him, and must therefore of Necessity look out for some other Patron; Nor wou'd any be more proper than some honest, generous, grave and prudent Bookseller, it being a Business that lyes much in their way, and very much in their Power to promote a Work of this Nature — But alas, tho' 'tis past Dispute, and We must acknowledge that the Whole Community of Booksellers taken together are a very August Bo= dy, yet fingly -- they are - verily just like - Friend Vander, or other Men, and are not quite so Warm for the general Advancement of the whole Commonwealth of Learning as for their own Private Interest, and must therefore e'ne be forced to guess again, and have resolved to Address this our Eleventh Volume to none other but the Worshipfull Society of Mercury-Women in and about the City of London; and this We shall do for divers and sundry weighty Considerations us thereunto moving. The first and strongest is Interest, for since that won't lye, We think fit to follow so good an Example: To be plain, we are sensible 'tis in your Power to Damn or Save a poor Paper at your Pleasure, let Bookseller or Author do what they will: You are the Messengers of Fate, and a Bloody Fight it self won't do without your Pains and Labour - So much for Interest, now a little for Gratitude - We must own Athens had fallen long e're this, had not you (like Minerva's as you are) strennuously supported it; not Vander's self e're Walkt more dirty Steps than you on its behalf, nor with more Vigour declaims against its Rivals and Enemies - And besides all this, there's something of Kindred in the Case, at least we are half Name-sakes, a quarter of which wou'd be more than sufficient whereon to ground a Dedication. Thus wishing you good Customers to your New Votes of Parliament, and brave roaring News twice a Week for this Seven Years next ensuing, We rest,

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